

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
WORKING SESSION  
OCTOBER 6, 2015  
TOWN HALL  
3:30 PM**

Board Members Present: Nadine A. Hawver, Chairman  
David A. Smith, Jr., Clerk  
Andrew G. Petersen

Others Present: Rhonda LaBombard, Town Administrator  
Alicia Dulin, Assistant to Town Administrator  
Tammy Blackwell, Principal Assessor  
Matthew Emprimo, Board of Assessors  
Christopher Lamarre, Board of Assessors

Chairman Hawver called the meeting to order at 3:35 pm.

Chairman Hawver asked what the main duties are of a Board of Assessors. Christopher Lamarre responded that the Board of Assessors is responsible for setting the tax rate, making sure valuations are within Department of Revenue (DOR) guidelines, site visits, abatements, cyclical inspections and making sure that assessments are fair and equitable. Discussion ensued regarding a stipend for Board of Assessors members. Chairman Hawver stated that she would be concerned that other boards, commissions and committees would start asking for stipends if the Board of Assessors members get one. Tammy Blackwell stated that the Board of Assessors members had previously worked for the Town so they were already paid and did not need a stipend. Mr. Lamarre stated that other Boards, committees and commissions in Berkshire County don't usually get stipends, he stated that Boards of Assessors in Berkshire County usually do get a stipend because of the educational requirements.

Chairman Hawver thanked the Board of Assessors for attending the meeting. The Board of Assessors left the meeting at 4:16 pm.

Discussion ensued regarding giving Mr. Lamarre a stipend because he is helping out on the Board of Assessors. Selectman Smith moved to give Christopher Lamarre a \$500 stipend for Fiscal Year 2016, seconded by Selectman Petersen. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Hawver explained that the Egremont Board of Selectmen will not attend a meeting to discuss the Southern Berkshire Regional School District assessment mistake unless the meeting takes place at the school. Discussion ensued regarding still having the meeting at the Sheffield Town Hall with the Towns that are willing to attend. It was the consensus of the Board to still continue to try to hold a meeting at the Sheffield Town Hall to discuss the school assessment mistake.

Discussion ensued regarding entering into the agreement that the School Committee had proposed at their last meeting. It was the consensus of the Board not to enter into the proposed agreement.

Selectman Smith moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Selectman Petersen. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Hawver adjourned the meeting at 4:35 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Alicia Dulin  
Assistant to the Town Administrator

No documents were reviewed at this meeting.